

known for his involvement in the pro-life movement, founding the Pro-Life Action Ministries, a group that now has 20,000 members.

Brother Michael valued every life and dedicated his work to helping those that needed help the most. However, it was Brother Michael who was the recipient of tremendous support when, 12 years ago, he was left a quadriplegic as a result of a bout with pneumonia. His Franciscan Brothers worked out rotating shifts, so that one of them was with Brother Michael every day, taking care of all his needs.

The Brothers believe that their ministry has blossomed from this experience, teaching them to love and give unconditionally. While the Brothers mourn the loss of their founder, they celebrate his life and will continue his mission of service.

Mr. Speaker, Brother Michael and his brothers in the Franciscan Brothers of Peace exemplify what it means to give of yourself to others and to live life as an example.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF DATA SYSTEMS ANALYSTS, INC.

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 40th Anniversary of Data Systems Analysts, Inc. (DSA).

In 1963, a team of software engineers aspired to provide people across the globe with sophisticated, technology-based, communication systems. Out of this objective, an information technology company, DSA, was born. Soon afterward, the company landed its first contract with the U.S. Department of Defense.

Since then, DSA has remained committed to providing innovative defense solutions. This commitment most recently was demonstrated during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Today, DSA provides secure information and communication systems for governments and businesses in over twenty countries around the world.

DSA is a major regional employer, continuously providing jobs for Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania residents. Moreover, through one of the nation's longest running Employee Stock Ownership Plans, DSA is one hundred percent employee owned.

These employees have thrived in a corporate culture of integrity and trust, working together to strengthen DSA's customers' businesses and national security. For example, in an effort to protect our nation's children, DSA brought business, management, and information technology experts together to assist the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Committed to keeping the United States on the leading edge of technology, DSA has taken an active role in bridging the "digital divide," making it possible for those with limited resources to pursue an education in technology. In this endeavor, DSA is one of the founding members of the successful non-profit organization, the Open Door Foundation.

DSA also has been honored as developer of the award-winning U.S. Army Knowledge Center and recently was named a "2003 New Jersey Finest" by the newspaper NJBIZ.

I want to make a special note that Ms. Frances R. Pierce has been with DSA for 32 of its 40 years, serving the last 12 as chairman, president, and chief executive officer. I would like to recognize and thank Ms. Pierce for her contributions.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to congratulate DSA on 40 years of success in providing information technology solutions and wish them my best for the years to come.

I call upon my colleagues to join me in saluting Data Systems Analysts, Inc. as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, each year in November American families across the country gather together in thanksgiving to recognize the variety of blessings they have received. It is fitting that we also choose this month to recognize the importance of adoption in our society.

Currently, thousands of children across the country, freed for adoption, are waiting to be a part of a loving and caring family with a stable home and attentive parents. Many of these children have special physical, mental, or emotional needs and require special nurturing from devoted parents and families. Let it be known that their adoption by special people who elect to take full responsibility for their care, their upbringing, and their overall well-being is an important service not only to these children, but to our country at large.

Adoption not only provides obvious benefits to the affected child, but it has proven to be one of the most rewarding experiences for many adoptive parents. We all benefit when a needy child is adopted.

The County of Onondaga in New York's 25th Congressional District will be recognizing the importance of adoption on Friday, November 21, in ceremonies at Onondaga County Family Court. It is my privilege to recognize and thank all those families, caseworkers, and staff gathered for this important event who have dedicated themselves to improving the welfare of our community's children. It is my hope that this recognition further promotes the importance and benefits of adoption for all those involved. I thank all those responsible for organizing this special local observance of National Adoption Awareness Month.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND CLEMENT CARDILLO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life of an outstanding individual who I am honored to call my friend, Father Clement Cardillo. On Sunday, November 9, 2003, Father Cardillo was recognized by St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church as the 2003 Man of the Year.

In his own unique way, Father Clement Cardillo has dedicated his life to guiding the spiritual and intellectual lives of the men and women of Paterson, New Jersey. His devoted commitment to serving the needs of others has left an indelible mark on the lives of all who have had the pleasure of knowing and working with him. It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Born in Portchester, New York, Clement Cardillo first studied with the Salesians of St. John Don Bosco at the seminary in Newton, New Jersey and made his Profession of Vows on September 8, 1944—the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon his graduation from Don Bosco College with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and a minor in Education, he began his first year of theological study before being sent to the theologate in Bollengo, Italy for the remainder of his studies. It was here, in Bollengo, that Clement was ordained into the Salesian Order on July 1, 1954.

On returning to the United States, Father Cardillo began a long and distinguished career as an educator. Shortly after his ordination, Father Cardillo was assigned to the staff of the Salesian Minor Seminary in West Haverstraw, New York where he taught Geometry and French and headed up the music department. Subsequent years found him teaching at a Salesian Middle School in Goshen, New York, and later, at a minor seminary in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Most remarkable, however, is the fact that Father Cardillo was able to balance his teaching responsibilities with his studies, ultimately receiving his Masters of Education in Counseling Psychology from Boston College.

In 1965, Father Cardillo accepted the pastorate of St. Anthony Church in Paterson, New Jersey—a post that he retained for 15 years. While at St. Anthony's, Father Cardillo was appointed by Bishop Casey as the Director of the Consultation Center (a psychological office dedicated to assisting priests and nuns who are leaving their vocation) and as the diocesan director of the Pre-Cana Program. In 1980, he was reassigned to his present position at St. Gerard's Church in Paterson where he currently serves the Diocese of Paterson as a psychologist on the Diocesan Review Board.

Over the past twenty-five years, Father Cardillo has dedicated himself to tending the spiritual and emotional lives of each of his parishioners. As a New Jersey Licensed Psychologist and as an ordained priest, he has selflessly given of himself to improve the quality of life of all of the men and women in his care. It is no surprise, then, to learn that his work on behalf of the citizens of Paterson has been widely recognized. In 1982, Father Cardillo received Congressional Recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives and on September 27, 1998, he was awarded the Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia ET Pontifice (translation: on behalf of the church and Pope).

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the life and work of an individual as devoted to ministering to the faith as Reverend Cardillo. Today, a little more than twenty years after first being recognized by Congress, I ask that you join our colleagues, the men and women of St. Gerard's Roman Catholic